The winners of the literary contest were announced. First prize was won by Ryte L. Spingyte, 18, a Pittsburgh University student. Second prize went to Mrs. Stephanie Stasas, an Alliance member, residing in Cleveland, Ohio. Third prize was won by Mrs. John McFee, Chicago, Ill. The entries of Alliance member, Kunegunda Keblinskienė, Brockton, Mass., and Mrs. Zigmund Simonaitis, Palm Beach, Fla., won honorary mention. All the above entries were published in the "Moterų Dirva."

An Impressive Conference

The A.L.R.C. Women's Alliance Conference held in Chicago, October 2, 1960, was begun with a pontifical high mass, offered by His Excellency, Bishop V. Brizgys, in the chapel of the Jesuit Fathers Youth Center. Without a doubt, this was the first time that a conference of such magnitude was planned by any Lithuanians in Chicago.

Mr. Stanley Pieza, Religious Editor for the Chicago American, addressed the breakfast session. He explained, in detail, the importance of publicity in organizational work.

The Lithuanian sessions were chaired by Msgr. I. Albavicius, Emilija Vilimaitė and Mrs. Ann Slazas. Supreme Secretary, Mrs. Victoria Leone, chose as the theme for her talk, "Twilight in the Vatican."

Alicia Rugytė, teacher and director of the Lithuanian Language Classes, spoke about "The Lithuanian Woman from the Time of Mindaugas to the Present Day". Another interesting speaker was Birutė Šlepetytė - Venskuvienė, active in the World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations.

The session was closed with a talk by Supreme Medical Examiner, Dr. S. Biezis, on care of the heart, which was accompanied by informative illustrations.

Chairman of the English sessions was Mrs. Dale Murray, who introduced eight top speakers in various fields of interest.

The entire program was arranged by Supreme Board Members in the Chicago area, namely: Mrs. Natalie Satunas, Mrs. Victoria Leone, Mrs. Mary Druktanis and Mrs. Mary Genis. Never before had the name of the Women's Alliance been publicized so extensively in the city's newspapers — a real tribute to the hard-working committee.

TWENTY-NINTH CONVENTION

Because the delegates of the previous convention thought it might be a good idea to hold conventions in cooler weather, the 29th convention was held October 12-15, 1961, in Immaculate Conception parish, Chicago, Ill., with the members of Chapter 20 as hostesses.

Marking the opening day was a solemn high mass offered by Msgr. D. Mozeris, pastor. During the course of his sermon, Msgr. Mozeris addresed the older members, quoting this parable from St. Paul: "I fought a good battle and preserved my faith (2 Tim. 4,7.) Try to understand this changing world and adapt yourselves to the times without hindering progress." Addressing the younger women, he suggested a more genuine interest and participation in the Liturgy; determined efforts and exemplary Catholic



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life in the family; the holy preparation of their sons and daughters for the Sacrament of Marriage. He reminded all that their young people should be encouraged to join parish groups and be active in all phases of parish life.

The presidium of this assembly included: Chairman — Mrs. Elizabeth Paurazas; Assistant Chairman — Mrs. Charlotte Serwo; Lith. language secretary — Mrs. Julia Medinis; English language secretary — Mrs. Ann Slazas; Secretaries' assistant — Miss Sophia Bartkus.

Greeting the convention, Rev. Vaclovas Gutauskas, S.J., urged the Alliance to maintain its ties with the WUCWO, saying, "If we do not represent Lithuania in the World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations, we will lose many an opportunity to remind the world that the Lithuanian nation exists and is seeking its freedom. Let us not forget our suffering fatherland, for if we do, we will also forget the persecuted Church in Lithuania..."

It was noted as the Supreme Board members made their reports, that the work of the Alliance was not limited to the organization itself, but enjoined all phases of community activity. Its members were very active in all the major national Lithuanian Catholic organizations.

Among other praiseworthy resolutions, this assembly moved to help in every way possible the Kuchel-Lipscomb resolution presented to Congress, pertaining to the enslaved Baltic States.

With a few changes, the Supreme Board was elected as follows: Spiritual Director — Msgr. F. M. Juras; Pres. — Mrs. Elizabeth Paurazas (Mich.); I Vice-Pres. — Mrs. Ann Slazas (Ill.); II Vice-Pres. — Mrs. Marcella Watkins (Mass.); Secr. — Mrs. Victoria Leone (Ill.); Treasurer — Mrs. Natalie Satunas (Ill.); Trustees — Mrs. Mary Druktanis (Ill.) and